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	Examiner DARYL C POPE	Art Unit 2632	

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Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) This action is **FINAL**. 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1-16 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) 6-10 is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 1,4,5,11 and 13-16 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) 2,3 and 12 is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
~ Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1)<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) 2)<input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) 3)<input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08) Paper No(s)/Mail Date ____. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4)<input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s)/Mail Date. ____. 5)<input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) 6)<input type="checkbox"/> Other: ____.
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DETAILED ACTION***Claim Objections***

1. Claims 1-16 are objected to because of the following informalities: Only the first word in each claim should be capitalized. Appropriate correction is required.

ART REJECTION:***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102***

2. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

3. **Claims 1,11, and 13-16 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Whynacht(6,006,171).**

-- In considering **claims 1,11, and 13-16**, the claimed subject matter that is met by Whynacht includes:

- 1) the vertical transportation equipment are met by the elevators
- 2) the remote terminal unit is met by the slaves(20);
- 3) the human machine interface server is met by the local monitoring center(14) ;
- 4) the remote devices are met by the modems(32);
- 5) the computerized maintenance management system server is met by the central computer(34, column 5, lines1-43).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

4. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

5. **Claims 4 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Wynacht in view of Vines et al(6,006,171).**

-- In considering **claim 4**, Whynacht discloses all claimed subject matter except for:

1) the LAN linked to the CMMSS.

Use of LANs for maintenance and management networks are well known in the art. In related art, Vines et al(Vines)discloses a maintenance management system which utilizes a LAN in the form of Ethernet(130). It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to incorporate the LAN of Vines since this would facilitated signal transmission and intercommunication between devices in the system.

-- In considering **claim 5**, the computer work station is met by the computer station(CRT, 38) at the central monitoring station

Allowable Subject Matter

6. Claims 6-10 are allowed.

7. Claims 2-3, and 12 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Conclusion

8. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to DARYL C POPE whose telephone number is (571) 272-2959. The examiner can normally be reached on M-TH 8:00-6:30.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, DANIEL WU can be reached on (571) 272-2964. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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Dec. 12, 2004

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